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THEY'RE NOT AS GREEN AS THEY SEEM

CUCUMBERS grown just a few minutes from the isle's supermarkets are being driven across Kent and back before hitting local shelves.

Produce from the Thanet Earth salad-growing complex near Monkton is on sale in isle Tesco and Asda stores now.

However, rather than send the vegetables to the shops, lorries collect it and then ship it to depots in Maidstone and Dartford, before a decision is made on how much to send back.

The lorry movements have already accounted for thousands of so-called food miles – the distance food travels

EXCLUSIVE

BY TOM BETTS

from store to a consumers hands. It is one way of measuring the environmental impact of food.

Thanet Earth, which is the largest complex of its kind in the UK, revealed the procedure last week, but its website states that the project has "exceptional green credentials" and that its "tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers have a very low carbon footprint".

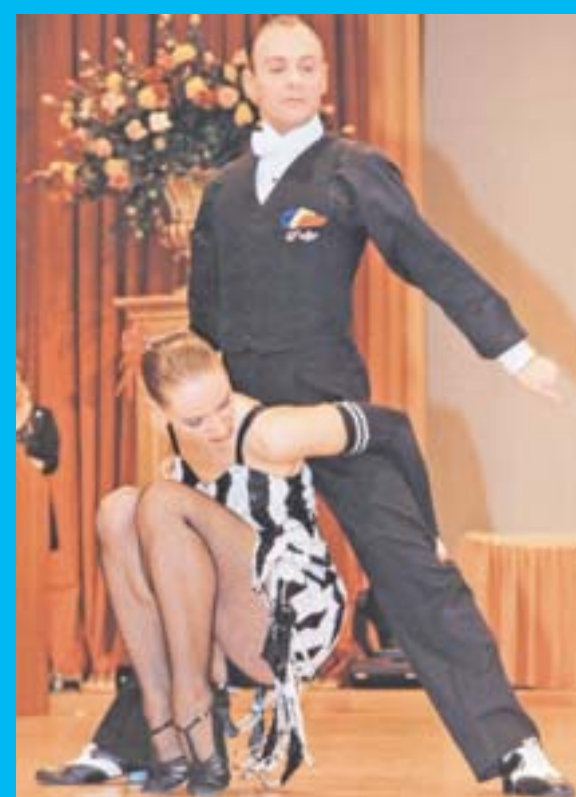
The news has angered green campaigners, who say it is hypocritical.

Patrick Jarman, from Thanet Friends of the Earth, said: "It's absurd. How can they claim to have a low carbon footprint if this is what they are doing? If they have their own packaging facilities, you have to wonder why this happens."

A Thanet Earth spokesman said: "Cucumbers are available in Tesco and Asda in the local area. At the moment we deliver to Tesco in Maidstone and Asda in Dartford, and from there they distribute them to stores throughout the South East.

"It is the system all the major supermarkets operate – they tell us how

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ISLE PAIR WOW EURO CROWDS

A dancing duo have been setting the dancefloors at a major European competition alight with their fleet-footed moves and well-practised steps.

Westgate-on-Sea's finest, Ian Sharpe and Victoria Lawrence, wowed the crowds in Spain to make the final stages of the championships and did the isle, and the country, proud with some impressive results.

This picture shows the pair dancing the Argentine tango, but they also performed ballroom and Latin dances in front of thousands of fans during the week-long event.

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DISAPPOINTED: Matt Clarke says KIA will bid to attract alternative air freight operators after BA let-down

BA cargo flights from Manston dead on runway

■ BY TOM BETTS

KENT International Airport at Manston will not serve as a hub for British Airways World Cargo after the airline pulled out of a potential deal.

BAWC has decided to maintain its long-haul operation at Stansted rather than relocate to Manston.

The news was announced today (March 11).

Matt Clarke, chief executive of KIA, said he was "disappointed".

The New Zealander said: "Like any business that bids for a new contract and is unsuccessful, we are obviously disappointed with this news."

"However, this negotiation was only one of several opportunities we have been pursuing and we are pleased with the level of interest shown by carriers in operating at KIA."

Thanet council extended the airport's night-flying hours last month to prepare for BAWC's possible arrival at Manston, although the airline's name was never officially revealed.

Councillors voted to allow 11 extra flights a week to land and take off, extending the hours when planes could land.

They could land as early as 6am and as late as 11.30pm, despite protests

from members of the local community objecting to the decision.

Mr Clarke said he was still upbeat about attracting more airlines.

He said: "We are committed to attracting further freight operators to the airport and ensuring the successful return of scheduled passenger services to a range of destinations in line with the development proposals outlined in our draft master plan."

"The fact that Kent International was considered alongside Stansted shows how far its reputation in the industry has progressed since Infratil acquired it in 2005 and this bodes well for future business."

"We have now established a solid base of regular freight customers, and tonnage has bounced back after the temporary reduction associated with the administration of MK Airlines."

He went on: "We would like to thank Thanet District Council and the local community for their support in our efforts to secure the new business."

"We have received a great deal of support from our neighbours and stakeholders and it has been heartening to see the clear recognition in Thanet that growth at the airport will bring with it employment and opportunity to local people."

"We are now able to confirm that the operator was British Airways World Cargo and that they have informed us that they will remain at Stansted."

Thanet Earth: system will change soon

CONTINUED FROM FRONT

many they want, we deliver them to the depot and then they take them where they want."

At present a cucumber that goes from Monkton to Maidstone and back will clock up some 76 miles, while those that go Dartford and back will travel 108 miles.

The distance from Thanet Earth to the furthest store that stocks its produce is just seven miles on the road.

Thanet Earth says it will be changing the method of delivery soon, but any change will still involve the vegetables being sent across the county and back again.

The spokesman said: "The customer lorries will be calling in at Thanet Earth and collecting the product in an empty truck and taking it back to the depot, having delivered their stock to the area."

Meanwhile, the isle's shoppers have found identifying the produce difficult.

Last week, no special stickers or labelling had been placed on the cucumbers in stores.

But the spokesman said: "Tesco cucumbers are identified with a yellow Thanet Earth label as of this weekend."

The Tesco labels will say 'Grown in Thanet Earth', while Asda's will state 'Grown in Kent'.

Tomatoes and peppers will appear on supermarket shelves in the next couple of weeks.

The cucumbers started selling for £1.28 at Tesco, but by Friday the price had dropped to 80p.

Man is arrested on suspicion of murder

A MAN is still in custody following his arrest in connection with the death of a man in Ramsgate.

A 51-year-old male was found dead by paramedics and police officers at the flat in Birch Court, Hillbrow Road, on Sunday night.

He has been named as Andrew Worton and he was found with serious head injuries.

He was taken to the QEQM Hospital in Margate, where he was treated but died on Monday morning.

A 36-year-old Broadstairs man was arrested on suspicion of murder and remains in custody at Margate police station.




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Council chief refuses to stand down after standards reprimand

THE isle's Labour councillors are calling on their political rivals to "stand up and be counted" and oust Thanet council leader Sandy Ezekiel after his latest reprimand.

Cllr Ezekiel has been censured for his behaviour by the council's standards committee after an incident in June last year at Margate's Edinburgh Woollen Mill shop involving Labour ward councillor Iris Johnston.

She was collecting a petition from Margate traders concerned about the possible redeployment of community wardens away from the town centre.

They were handing it to her when Cllr Ezekiel and deputy leader Roger Latchford showed up, sparking an incident.

The pair's conduct was made the subject of an investigation by a standards and referrals sub-committee.

And on Monday night the committee announced that Cllr Ezekiel had broken the code of conduct on two counts: by failing to treat others with respect and by bringing the office into disrepute.

Cllr Latchford was found to be in breach of one paragraph of the code but escaped sanctions.

Cllr Ezekiel was severely rebuked in the form of a censure (formal reprimand).

■ BY TOM BETTS

mand). It is the second time the leader has faced the standards board and been found in breach of rules.

He was also criticised by the standards board after an altercation with Labour councillor Doug Clarke at the Mayor's Ball in April 2007.

Both men were cleared of "bullying" and have since apologised to Cllr Johnston by letter.

She says she has accepted the apology, but now Labour councillors are calling for the leader to step down or, worse, be removed from office by his own party.

Disrepute

Speaking after the meeting, some of Labour's leading members made their feelings clear.

Labour group leader Richard Nicholson said: "It's down to the decent members of the Conservative Party to do something now. Cllr Ezekiel has shown he is not fit to be the leader of Thanet council or to represent Thanet."

He added: "Is this the leader Thanet wants and, more importantly, deserves?"

Cllr David Green said: "Do the members of the Conservative Party want to be led by this man? It's over to them. They must stand up and be counted."

His wife, Cllr Elizabeth Green, added: "It's time for those members who say so much to us about the leadership in private to now come forward and put their own house in order."

But yesterday morning Cllr Ezekiel said there was no way he would resign.

He told Yourthanet: "Labour would call for me to resign, but I will not be standing down. I stand by my record as leader and the things we have achieved in that time."

"That is what counts. It's time to stop attacking the man and to get back to policy."

He added he now wanted to "move on".

Cllr Johnston said that if she had received an apology shortly after the event she would have left the matter. However, she said she was left with little choice after none was forthcoming.

With her colleagues' support she chose to take the matter forward through official channels.

An early apology could have saved thousands of taxpayers' pounds as the process would not have begun.

The standards committee chairwoman Jennifer Sterndale said: "It is unfortunate that an apology was not forthcoming immediately after the incident – it would have saved the council a considerable amount of time and resources."

She said it was to their credit that both men had apologised to Cllr Johnston.



DEFIANT: Sandy Ezekiel (top) was found to have broken the code of conduct but says he will not stand down. Meanwhile, (below, from left) Roger Latchford escaped sanctions, but David Green and Richard Nicholson have called for Cllr Ezekiel to resign over the incident involving Iris Johnston in a Margate shop in June last year.

Ladyman takes up chair at new Commons body

THANET South MP Dr Steve Ladyman has been elected as the first chairman of the new South East Region Select Committee of the House of Commons.

The committee, which is being boycotted by Conservative and Liberal Democrats, examines the work and performance of organisations like the South East England Development Agency (Seed), with the aim of making them work more effectively.

Dr Ladyman said: "There are key regional bodies that determine how well our economy and public services work. For the first time, these organisations which spend tens of millions of pounds of our money will be scrutinised by the Commons."

Other organisations that will be monitored include GOSE and the Strategic Health Authority.

Dr Ladyman added: "Seed prepares an economic strategy for the region and spends millions on local projects. The Strategic Health Authority is responsible for the development of the health service here in the South East."

"We have a South East Minister and a Government Office of the South East. Until now these people and organisations have not had to answer to the UK Parliament, but now they will."

Duo impress judges in finals of European Dance Championships

A WESTGATE duo have impressed at a prestigious international dance championships.

Representing England, Ian Sharpe and his partner Victoria Lawrence competed at the Campeonato De Europa De Baile last month.

Also known as the European Championships of Dance, the event took place in the grand setting of the Palacio San Miguel in Torremelinos, Spain.

The venue was transformed into a ballroom setting for the championships, which took place over the course of a week.

Transformed

Victoria said: "It made for a spectacular arena transformed by metres of fabric and chandelier lights into a grand ballroom seating more than 5,000 spectators."

The Isle pair made it to the final of every dance they entered, impressing the panel of 20 judges.

Couples from countries such as Spain, Portugal, France, Bulgaria and Italy took part, but only two couples represented England.

Victoria said: "An unusual feature of this competition was that profes-

sionals danced directly against amateurs, so you could have a student dancing directly in competition with their teachers.

"Some of the competitors were extremely strong and it made for a hard choice for the judges, who had the unenviable task of judging all of the 1,500 competitors grouped in different dance categories."

The prestigious European Combination championship final which involves dancing ballroom, Latin and Argentine tango, was held on the final Saturday night.

Victoria said: "A wide range of dance knowledge is essential and we were dancing to a packed audience."

"Every seat was taken and just about every aisle was full with very enthusiastic spectators."

After completing the dancing, Ian and Victoria had a nail-biting wait to see if they had won any of the prestigious titles and were awarded second place and crowned vice-champions in the European Championship.

Victoria added: "We are looking forward to next year when we hope to return and perhaps challenge the champions."

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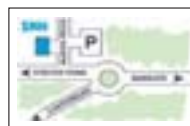
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'I ain't a chick or a bird' said attacker

LORRAINE Philpott got her retaliation in first when she thought a friend was being ripped off.

She attacked Victoria Woolward, starting a struggle inside a flat, Margate magistrates heard.

Philpott, 32, of Northdown Road, Cliftonville, was drunk and swearing when she arrived.

When Miss Woolward said "See you, chick," Philpott snarled "I ain't a chick or a bird. I ain't got feathers". Then she punched her in the face and pulled her hair. Both ended up rolling on the floor.

Julie Farbrace, prosecuting, said Miss Woolward suffered a bruised right eye and cheekbone. Philpott admitted assault.

The case was adjourned until Monday, March 23.

BBC star on hand at theatre festival

THE first Kent County Youth Theatre Festival takes place in Ramsgate on Sunday (March 22).

The event will be held at The Marlowe Academy, with young people from across the county taking part in workshops on masks, musical theatre, film, special effects make-up and physical theatre.

It is hoped the festival will become an annual event.

Ramsgate's Artwise Youth Centre and Theatre Royal Margate are taking part.

Children's BBC presenter Sophie McDonnell will be on hand to share her expertise, along with professionals from Cre8stive Productions.

The festival starts at 10.30am, with workshops starting at 11.15am and final performances from 7pm.

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FLAMING LOWLIFE

Louts, slobs and vandals have been spoiling the work of environmental volunteers on the Isle.

Youngsters working with Trees For Thanet in Park Road, Birchington, planted a hedgerow there more than ten years ago, but their efforts are being ruined by flytipping, littering and the firing of stolen cars. A burnt-out car now adorns the hedgerow, while several bags of rubbish have been dumped there.

Trees For Thanet leader Paul Wells said: "The problem of littering and deliberate dumping is worse now than ten years ago. A car has been driven through a hedge youngsters planted in 1997 and then set fire to."

"If those responsible feel the need to 'dump and burn', for goodness sake do it on open ground without causing additional damage."

"A section of mature hedge that has taken 12 years to grow will now need to be replanted."

"I am angry and disgusted with the mindless morons we have in our midst."

"This is very disheartening to our young volunteers giving up their Saturday mornings to make Thanet a better place for us all."

Call for business rates to be frozen to help isle's retailers

■ BY TOM BETTS

THE isle's traders look set to be hit hard by next month's rise in business rates.

The five per cent hike will mean many businesses facing higher bills in a time of continuing economic gloom.

Mark Spray, of Invicta Motors, in Margate Road, Broadstairs, said: "We pay around £44,000 a year in business rates and the rise will take it up by another £2,500. It is a massive increase in the current climate when so many other parts of business are shrinking."

"We'll have to sell many more cars to make this up – but who to? It's no great news that the car industry is suffering badly."

Laura Sandys, the Conservative Parliamentary candidate for Thanet South, is calling for the Government to suspend the increase due to the harsh economic climate.

She said: "Across Thanet we are seeing some

local household names going out of business. It is in the power of the Labour Government to stop this increase before we see more shops in our high streets die and before more companies have to make staff redundant."

"In our area more than most, we rely on small family-owned businesses who live off their earnings. They do not have the ability to increase their prices by five per cent in this difficult market, so they will have to find cuts elsewhere."

Flexible

She added: "Business rates are no longer in the hands of local or county councils and are imposed directly from central government."

"It is they who will need to answer for business companies who might be rated out of business."

David Foley, of the East Kent Chamber of

Commerce, said: "The rates rise in April and are fixed from inflation rates in September."

"That happens to be the highest rate and the worst possible thing that could be done in the current recession."

"We should be a little flexible and more understanding of the economic climate."

"In Thanet the last thing they need is a hammer blow on the rates. Small firms in particular will suffer."

Mr Foley said that the licensing trade was suffering in particular.

He is calling for a tax reduction on draught beer, with an increase of tax of canned and bottled beer sold in supermarkets and off-licences.

He said: "At a stroke it will keep businesses open and keep communities alive."

"I drive past four or five pubs on the way to work that are closed. Some of them have been open for hundreds of years – it's terribly sad."

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Carlton 'needs support if it has future as a cinema'

"USE it or lose it!" The message to the people of Westgate-on-Sea couldn't be any clearer as they face the prospect of losing the town's Carlton Cinema.

The venue is up for sale and buyers are being sought, but residents say that it needs to remain as a functioning business to attract any possible investors.

Reeltime Cinemas, which owns the Carlton, has gone into administration, but ward councillor Simon Moores says that should not spell the end of the line for the three-screen picturehouse.

"It's important that people continue to use the cinema while it is still trading and I urge them to do so," he said.

"It is a question of rallying the community

■ BY TOM BETTS

because if we can boost it up and make it an attractive proposition as possible then perhaps someone will want to buy it."

Reeltime closed Dreamland cinema in Margate in 2007 and now the whole company has been placed in administration.

Atmosphere

Its cinemas in Herne Bay and Sittingbourne also face an uncertain future despite film audiences being at a 40-year high.

Offers are being invited to buy the cinemas. Westgate resident Naomi Mills, who lives in the same road as the Carlton, said: "I'll try to make a few extra trips to the cinema in the coming months to support the place."

"I've been using the cinema for many years, ever since I moved here, and will be totally gutted if it closes."

"I think it will be a real blow to the place, it is one of the things that makes the place what it is and is so well-known in and around Thanet."

"It has three screens, so there's usually something good on and it's just a nice place to go and watch films because it has more of a community atmosphere than, say, Vue at Westwood Cross."

Camille Sutton from the Thanet Film Society added: "It's all a great shame. It's good for an area to have a variety of cinemas to go to. I'm sorry to hear the situation both at the Carlton and the Kavanagh in Herne Bay."

"If people do support their local cinemas, it will be for the benefit of us all."

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Prison rehab plea gets turned down

DRUG addict Nathan Donaldson pleaded to go to prison for rehab treatment, but magistrates turned him down.

Donaldson, of Dane Park Avenue, Ramsgate, didn't bother to turn up at drug-testing sessions after being found in possession of a black kitchen knife.

Stuart Green, defending, said Donaldson, 21, had the knife because a neighbour had been aggravating his grandmother.

The self-confessed heroin user said he had consulted his local GP but wasn't convinced the probation service could help him.

Giving him a conditional discharge for a year, chairman of the bench Peter Gill said: "I think you are wrong in not giving the probation service the chance to help you."

"Your idea of a short spell in prison is not the answer."

"We could sentence you to a month in prison, which would be cut to, in effect, ten days, which is not enough to do anything."

"If you are not willing to take this chance, I can't see how you can be helped."



A BLAST FROM THE PAST

It was like a scene from wartime Britain when pupils from St Nicholas-at-Wade CEP School dressed up as evacuees. They re-enacted the evacuation of children from towns and cities that took place when the Second World War set in.

Bystanders in Birchington looked on as the year six children trudged through the village on their way to the station, complete with gas-mask boxes, sandwiches in greaseproof paper and clothing from the late 30s and early 40s. They boarded a train to Dover, where they enjoyed a day at the town's museum for their wartime studies.

The children sourced their own clothes from charity shops and had their hair made into wartime styles. The teachers and parents who accompanied them on the trip also dressed up, and even the food the party ate was of the era.

One teacher said: "We had a great day. We got a lot of strange looks, but older people we met on the train said it brought back memories for them. If the children can experience a little bit of this for themselves, then it helps them get a much better idea of how things happened."

Drop It And Cop It keeps its promise

FOUR isle residents and a visitor from London have been handed hefty fines for dropping litter or allowing their dogs to foul.

The action was part of Thanet council's Drop It And Cop It scheme.

Roy Kavenagh, of Fort Hill, Margate, was fined £250 and ordered to pay £100 costs for allowing his dog to foul and failing to pick up after it in the Rendezvous car park, Margate.

Three other cases saw fines of £125 handed out, along with £100 costs.

Peter Heard, of Addington Road, Margate, Joseph Horad, of Ethelbert Road, Margate, and Albena Illeiva, from London, were all fined for discarding cigarette ends in Margate High Street.

In the final case, Barry Lester, of Trinity Square, Margate, was fined £50 and ordered to pay £228.74 costs. It came after he was seen allowing his dog to foul on council land at Dane Valley Road, Millmead. He refused to accept the fixed-penalty notice.

In each case, the offender was ordered to pay £15 reparation costs.

Zita Wiltshire, the council's cabinet member for community services, said: "Once again, these cases show how seriously the courts take littering and the high level of fines and costs that can be handed out."

"Our wardens are doing an excellent job and in the last month alone they handed out 45 fixed-penalty notices."

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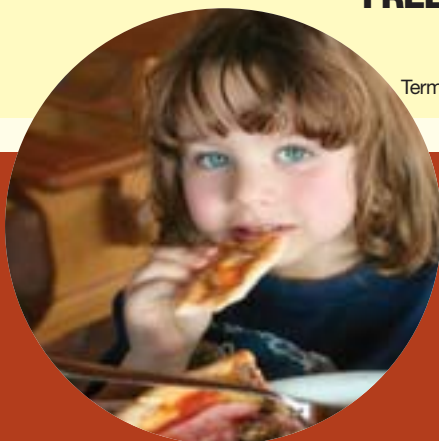
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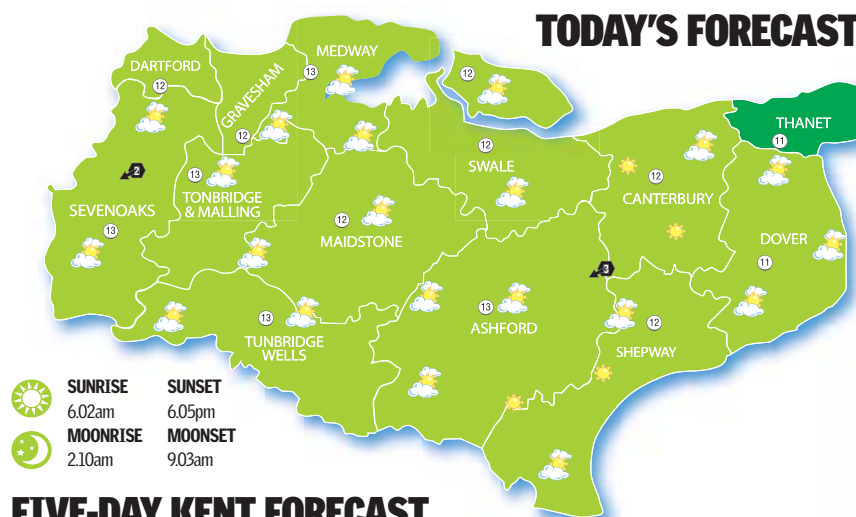


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	Sunday	8:07am	5.8m
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	Sunday	9:00am	3.9m
Sheerness	Saturday	8:21am	4.3m
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	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	12°C	14°C	13°C	9°C	9°C	Gravesend	13°C	13°C	13°C	9°C	8°C
Canterbury	10°C	11°C	10°C	7°C	7°C	Maidstone	12°C	14°C	13°C	9°C	8°C
Chatham	10°C	11°C	9°C	7°C	7°C	Ramsgate	10°C	11°C	10°C	7°C	7°C
Dartford	13°C	13°C	13°C	9°C	8°C	Rochester	10°C	11°C	9°C	7°C	7°C
Dover	10°C	10°C	9°C	8°C	7°C	Sevenoaks	11°C	12°C	11°C	7°C	7°C
Faversham	10°C	11°C	9°C	7°C	7°C	Sittingbourne	10°C	11°C	9°C	7°C	7°C
Folkestone	10°C	10°C	9°C	8°C	7°C	Tonbridge	13°C	13°C	12°C	8°C	8°C
Gillingham	10°C	11°C	9°C	7°C	7°C	Tun Wells	13°C	13°C	12°C	8°C	8°C

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Cape Town	19°C	Tenerife	24°C
Cardiff	12°C	Tokyo	13°C
Gibraltar	17°C	Vancouver	1°C
Hong Kong	22°C	Warsaw	4°C
Las Palmas	23°C	Wellington	17°C

Nightclub is closed after clampdown on drug use

COUNCIL leaders have given their full backing to a clampdown on drugs in nightclubs and pubs across the isle.

It comes after a report that Club Compass in Ramsgate High Street was shut down after recording some of the highest levels of drug residue ever seen on the isle.

Police say the owner was busted after writing to police denying the club was a haven for drugs. Forensic experts who swabbed the envelope and letter she sent found that it was covered in particles of a Class A substance.

Yesterday, Richard Nicholson, of Thanet council's licensing committee, told Yourthanet he welcomed the tough police line.

He said: "We take the strongest of views of drugs in licensed establishments and we fully back the efforts of the police and others to stamp this out. We have and will continue to come down hard on those who flout the rules and regulations."

Heroin

Details of the Club Compass downfall were revealed after the owner failed to turn up for a licensing hearing last month at Thanet court.

Pauline Terry, 47, was fined £1,000 by Thanet magistrates for five offences of breaching her licence, including selling alcohol and allowing live music.

Police have revealed that they found the levels of ecstasy, heroin and cocaine were the highest ever recorded in the isle.

Readings as high as 8.3 were taken in parts of the club, including the bar and toilets. By comparison, an order to close a crack-house can be made if it measures a reading of 4 or higher.

Nigel Cruttenden, Kent Police's licensing officer for east Kent, said: "This is a welcome result following thorough work by teams from both Kent Police and Thanet District Council."

"We would like to thank local residents in Ramsgate who supported us in this action."

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QUESTION & ANSWER

LEZA RILEY



Q What is the purpose of the Marlowe Innovation Centre?

A The Marlowe Innovation Centre offers a unique package of high-quality accommodation and careful business support for start-up and innovative new business in east Kent.

The centre provides a unique link between education, entrepreneurship and employment and assists young people in embarking on their careers. As a not-for-profit organisation, our aim is to help in the regeneration of Thanet by supporting innovative companies and providing opportunities for Marlowe Academy pupils to observe and work with local entrepreneurs.

Marlowe Innovation Centre is run by the Friends of the Folkestone and Marlowe Academies Trading Ltd, a not-for-profit trading arm of the endowment fund which supports pupils of the two academies.

Q What is your role there and what does it entail?

A I am the facilities manager and do the general management of the day-to-day activities and responsibilities at the centre. An important part of my role is to support tenants and ensure they have every help to make their business a success.

Q How many businesses are now using the centre?

A We are at almost 70 per cent occupancy now, with interest in the spaces increasing

on a daily basis. In total we have only 10 spaces left. So if anyone is interested in a space, I suggest they act fast! Our tenants include Elec Sec Ltd, Multimedia Services, Adrian Baker Limited, Your Connection, Beyond Excellence, Leaflets R Us, AV1 Services, Opus Vita, Applied Trends, Colston Financial Services, The Versatile Group, Clear Picture Services Ltd, The Music Hub and Total Life Technologies. We also have a growing number of virtual tenants who can take advantage of our prestige business address and services without renting a space

Q Given the current economic climate, do you really think it can be a success?

A The centre has been very successful so far and our projections indicate that it is likely to continue in the same fashion over the coming months. We have a fantastic package of business support for tenants, to make the experience of being with us as beneficial and as hassle-free as possible. We have great support from local businesses, who are helping to improve the situation for tenants, as well as professional input from Business Link, local banks and other experts.

We have an easy-let scheme in place, so tenants don't have to worry about long-term rental commitments, which I think is key in the current climate. I think it is important during these troubling times that businesses that are fortunate enough to not be affected as negatively as others join together to support others.

Q What did you do before you took up your current post and what did it involve?

A Well, I am originally from South Africa, from a small town called Dundee. Blink, you will miss it! I moved to the UK in 2002 and lived in London for about five years before moving to Thanet with my partner to follow his ambition to start his own business. Most of my time in London was spent as an administration manager at The Roof Gardens in Kensington. The Roof Gardens forms part of the Virgin group and is affectionately known as Branson's London playground. My time there was very rewarding and I loved every minute of it. I gained very valuable experience in customer service, sales and marketing and general management.

Q Who is your inspiration?

A Tricky question. I think I would have to say the three men in my life are a great inspiration to me. My dad, who has taught me so much about life in general, understanding people and being positive about everything, no matter what – his can-do attitude is very much reflected in everything I do. My partner his focused attitude, ability to achieve his goals and dedication – this alone keeps me motivated on a daily basis. And I think lastly my brother, whom I lean on for many things and know that, no matter what, he is always there for me. He is a great inspiration for me as he is a go-getter – no mountain is too high.

Q&A

Leza Riley, facilities manager at the Marlowe Innovation Centre, talks to **Tom Betts** about helping small businesses get off the ground even in the current climate and her move to the UK from South Africa

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Climate change warning from feathered friends

BY NICK AMES

CLIMATE change is having a clearly detectable impact on some species of bird already struggling to survive in Kent.

This month a group of scientists published findings that comprise the first indicator of the impact of climate change on wildlife across Europe.

The scientists say they show a strong link between the already-observed population changes of individual species and the projected range alterations associated with climate change among common European birds.

By pulling both sets of data together, the team has compiled an indicator showing how climate change is affecting wildlife.

Willow tit, wood warbler and lesser spotted woodpecker are all in the top ten worst-performing European species. All three still breed in south-east England, but at a dwindling number of sites.

However, the region's proximity to mainland Europe means it will be one of the first parts of the UK to see other species attempting to extend their range as our climate changes.

Cetti's warbler, which already breeds in Kent, is likely to increase its range, while the goldfinch, still a common bird here, is set to become more numerous.

The exotic-looking hoopoe is likely to extend its range to these shores, as are Sardinian and subalpine warblers and the European bee-eater.

Hester Phillips, of RSPB South East, said: "While we may soon start to see colourful and exotic-looking hoopoes and bee-eaters in the country more frequently, this paper shows us



LONGER RANGE: Species such as the goldfinch could become more widespread in Kent as birds adapt to climate change

that, on the whole, climate change is bad news for wildlife."

The RSPB's Dr Richard Gregory is the paper's lead author. He said: "We hear a lot about climate change, but this shows its effects are being felt right now. The number of species being badly affected outnumber the species that might benefit by three to one.

"Although we have only had a very small actual rise in global average temperature, it is

staggering how much change we are noticing in wildlife populations. If we don't take our foot off the gas now, our indicator shows there will be much worse to come. We must keep global temperature rise below the two-degree ceiling. Anything above this will create havoc."

Of the 122 species surveyed, 30 are anticipated to increase their range, while the remaining 92 are anticipated to decrease theirs.



FAST: High-speed trains can cover 80 metres a second

Deadly serious about dangers of high-speed track

A CAMPAIGN urging youngsters to stay away from the high-speed line which runs across the county is warning trespassers that trains can now run at more than 180mph.

Schools and youth groups across Kent will be shown a DVD about the dangers posed by trains travelling between London St Pancras and the Channel Tunnel at Folkestone.

Locos can reach more than double the speed of domestic rail services along the high-speed track.

Network Rail and British Transport Police said they were aiming to prevent a needless tragedy by alerting young people to the dangers.

Trains running on the 66-mile line can cover more than 80 metres a second and take more than a minute to come to a standstill from maximum speed.

The 12-minute DVD features a series of demonstrations by the 'Trainiacs' which show how much turbulence the locos create, how quiet they are and what would happen if someone were to be struck by one.

Ch Supt Mark Newton said: "Trespassing on or interfering with the railway is extremely dangerous and you could end up with a criminal record.

"Penalties range from fines to a prison sentence. However, the greatest deterrent should be the fact that you could be seriously injured or even lose your life."

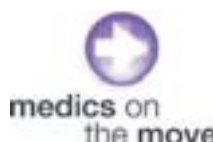
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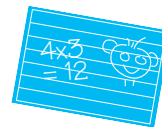
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BREAK TIME

Third-place success for talented Zhong

CHATHAM House sixth-former Zhong Xin Ding is one of the top young physicists in the UK.

The 17-year-old whizz won a bronze award in the national British Physics Olympiad competition.

Zhong, who is in year 13, took part in the contest, answering a series of challenging questions.

John Hislop, head of physics, said: "The questions were very involved and required a great depth of knowledge to answer. Zhong performed very well to qualify to the second stage of the competition, where a bronze medal is an excellent achievement."

The British Physics Olympiad has run for 25 years and is entered annually by more than 1,000 young physicists.

Five days of science

THE weird and wonderful world of science unfolded through a series of activities at St Peter's Junior School as part of the recent National Science Week.

Upper-school pupils learnt about forensics, while the lower school discovered forcemeters in sessions conducted by the East Kent Business Education Partnership.

Scientist Dr Chris Wilson worked with year six pupils panning for gold using filtration techniques.

Kinetic Theatre also visited to give a production entitled Robin And The Withering Wood.

Constructive targets help students build on learning

■ BY TOM BETTS

WHILE athletes are already flexing their muscles ready for London 2012, another group of international competitors have to be ready a year earlier – for the skills Olympics in London 2011.

Plasterers, builders, painters-and-decorators and carpenters will be competing in the international SkillBuild competition, being hosted by the UK in London in 2011.

Colleges across Kent are making sure their students can compete with the best in the world by getting them ready now – and Thanet College is up with the pace.

In the next month, 340 construction students in Kent's six further-education colleges are holding a SkilledUp competition.

It is hoped this will encourage more young people to enter the Regional SkillBuild competition, the feeder competition for the national and international events.

Dates for the remaining SkilledUp events are: North West Kent College, Wednesday, March 18; Mid Kent College, Tuesday, March 24; Thanet College, Wednesday, March 25, and West Kent College, Monday, March 30, from 10am to 4pm.

SkilledUp project director Mike O'Reilly said: "The events will be an exciting opportunity for students to showcase their talents, which will ultimately boost their confidence and motivation to succeed and be recognised as the best in their craft."

Chris Simpson, education liaison adviser for



BUILDING SKILLS: Construction students are limbering up ready to compete in their equivalent of the Olympics

Wates, one of the UK's largest family-owned construction services and development companies, which is sponsoring all the medals and trophies, said: "We feel that making sure young people are trained properly before getting into the industry is vitally important and that's why we're supporting these events."

He added: "SkilledUp will give them an insight into meeting targets and deadlines once they get on site when they're working."

"They'll understand what it's like to be racing against the clock but also producing top-quality work."

"Tradesmen are frequently given targets to meet on site and this competition will teach these students how to prepare."

The project is viewed by industry as a vital link in addressing skills levels for the next generation of builders.

Under the banner of 'Are you Ready', youngsters compete against each other to standards set and judged by industry professionals.

Competitive assessments will be undertaken in bricklaying, carpentry and joinery, painting-and-decorating and plastering.

The LSC and SEEDA are funding the project and one objective is that SkilledUp is sustainable into the future via encouraging industry to sponsor events.

The SkilledUp partners have welcomed the news that Wates Construction has agreed to sponsor this year's event.

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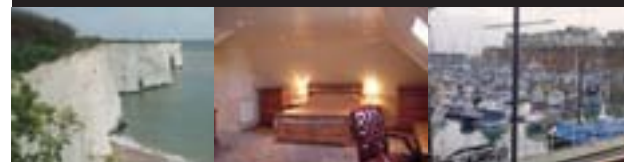
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Fishmongers push the boat out

Tuck into fish of the day to help keep trade afloat

■ BY CHRIS BRITCHER

IF YOU time your visit to parts of our coastline just right, you can catch a glimpse of a trade which has defined so much of our county.

With the crunch of shingle under foot, the sight of fishing boats being pulled up on to the shore remains an impressive sight.

And as the nets are gathered up and the boxes of fish are unloaded, you are reminded just how rich the waters which surround this county are.

From the round fish of bass, red mullet, dog fish and cod in the winter to the flat fish of Dover sole, dabs, plaice and lemon sole in the summer, the harvest is an ever changing feast of tastes and sensations.

And that's before examining the shellfish which has put the likes of Whitstable and its

Native oysters on the global gourmet map.

Andy Cooke has run Griggs fishmongers in Hythe for the last ten years. A chef by profession, working at some of the top London restaurants, he moved from the kitchens to the coal face to take over the day-to-day running of a company which has fished the south coast shores for more than 130 years.

His is the classic business – a stone's throw from the sea's edge, the fish makes a journey of just yards from boat to shop.

He explains: "If you're lucky enough, you can time it just right that you come here as the fish is being off-loaded from the boats.

"You can, if you like, actually select what you want while the fish are still flapping. It's not always the best solution as fish, like meat, needs to relax slightly and should be left a few hours, but people like the idea of selecting it when it's that fresh."

And, quite frankly, who can blame them?

Varieties

Kent's coastline is teeming with life that has sustained local fishermen for years. But it is no easy task and in recent years, EU fishing quotas has made a tough job even harder. The tight limits on the numbers of fish being caught is both frustrating and hard-hitting on their bottom line.

"It is hard for fisherman to make a living given the quotas," explains Mr Cooke,

"And we have to look at fishing other varieties of fish. Which makes it more interesting. We explain to customers about what else is on offer and we are always happy to advise on how best to cook varieties perhaps they have not tried before."

The impact on fishing families has, at times, been harsh. They still exist but are something of a declining breed. Which is why it is, as an industry, desperate to encourage the folk of Kent to shop local.



Mr Cooke adds: "We have to go back maybe 30 or 40 years to how people used to shop. You always shopped locally, you shopped for freshness and you shopped daily

"Keeping it local keeps the local economy alive and it's not travelling a million miles. Everyone is aware of food miles."

The scale of the investment too is quite remarkable. Griggs employs around 13 staff, with boats fishing from Hythe, Dungeness, Folkestone and Whitstable.

It is a big commitment, but this is the local economy at a grassroots scale. Every pound invested in its products, filters back into the county's economy. And in this day and age, every penny helps.

"If you have a fine fish like a turbot brought in on the Hythe coast here, why the hell would you import something from around the world?" says Mr Cooke.



TRADITION: Griggs of Hythe (inset) has fished the Kent coastline for more than a hundred years

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qualifications that experience was virtually worthless if I could no longer perform heavy manual tasks. After the worst six months of recuperation, though still in pain, I was beginning to get extremely restless and I started to look for an alternative career.

I had done a lot of representative and advocacy work with colleagues in the electricity industry and I decided that training and working with the Citizens Advice Bureau might be a good idea. That decision proved to be one of the best I've ever made.

I didn't know it at the time, but the nine months of first-class intensive training and a further nine months working as a volunteer adviser led to a degree-level qualification in interpersonal skills and my next role, helping students at Thanet College.

After five wonderful years at the college, I ended up running the student welfare unit and got myself elected to both Thanet council

and the county council. My 25 years of manual work gave me a good local grounding and the five years working with young people at Thanet College was a very positive experience indeed, but it was the 18 months with the CAB that proved absolutely priceless.

That relatively short period changed my life and provided me with a wide range of knowledge and skills that have proved invaluable as a district and county councillor.

So my message is this: if you have some spare time, be it enforced or just through luck, make the most of it and try volunteering. It could well bring you more happiness than you ever thought possible and you have absolutely no idea just where it could lead.

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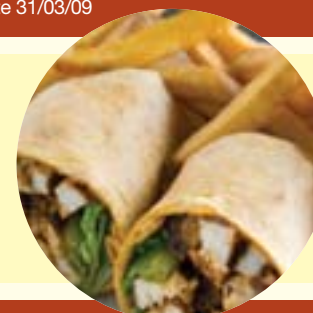
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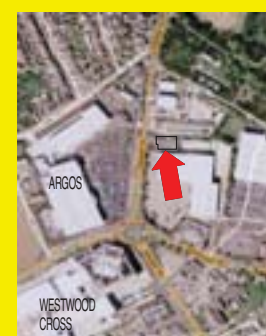
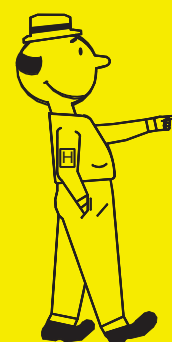
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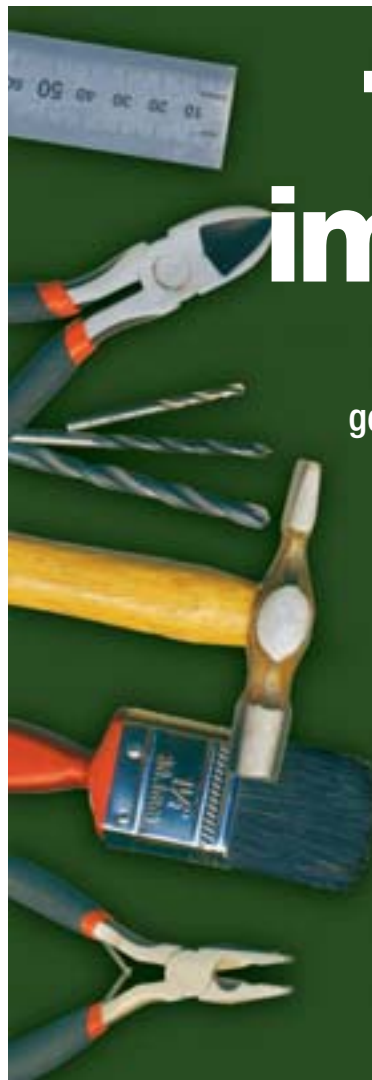
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TALK TIME

LACY DIXON

Lacy is a community safety officer with Thanet Community Safety Partnership



What does your job at Thanet Community Safety Partnership entail?

A Community Safety Officer (CSO) deals with many aspects of the community and the council with regards to crime and fear of crime.

Mostly the position is about co-ordinating all partner agencies and the meetings that involve them, prioritising issues to ensure the best outcome for the community.

When a problem arises in a particular area of Thanet with regards to crime, a CSO will set up and co-ordinate a Task and Finish Group. This is a group that enables all the partner agencies to partake in some joint working to progress on actions set by the group in tackling the issue.

How does your work benefit Thanet?

We are now the most improving CDRP (Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership) in Kent. Levels of crime are decreasing and residents are saying that they feel safer in the area.

By giving feedback to residents on the work that goes in, it reassures them we are heading towards a better Thanet, and that we are responding to their requests or complaints and doing what they want

Let's get our own house in order

It's shameful this Government is still sending billions of pounds of hard-working taxpayers' money abroad, despite the fact many families in Thanet and the rest of the UK are struggling to survive.

When things appeared to be going all right for Gordon Brown it was not so obvious. But now many residents feel like they are being treated as second-class citizens in this country.

The Iraq War is probably the most costly mistake of this failed New Labour project.

Billions of pounds are still being sent to pay for a war that the majority of people are against – a war Thanet South Labour MP Dr Steve Ladyman voted for and still supports.

Could Dr Ladyman please tell us: who will help us when this Government can't print any more money? In his column in the local press last week, Dr Ladyman wrote: "During the global economic downturn it would be easy to concentrate only on our own problems."

The MP needs to understand the people of this country are a generous lot and they don't only concentrate on their own problems.

However, many of them are fed up with working their socks off and paying high taxes so this Government can blow billions of pounds on propping up the lifestyles of fat-cats and failed nation states.

YOUR LETTERS

Dr Ladyman wrote about his support for Fairtrade, an idea that many intellectuals believe is nothing more than a protectionist concept that is probably counterproductive anyway.

I think it's a disgrace that someone who represents Thanet South can spend so much time writing about recession-hit families and farmers of other countries without addressing the more pressing concerns of local people, many of whom have lost their jobs and homes.

We need to get our priorities right or we could all sink together – unless Gordon Brown can really save the whole world.

Susan Sharpe
Margate

Community spirit outweighs soloist

Having been unjustly accused by the South Thanet Conservative PR machine of being part of a "letter-writing campaign", I was pleased to read Vera Hovenden's clear account of the Tory candidate's limited involvement in the attempt to save the Cliffsend post office.

Mrs Hovenden, as the instigator of the successful campaign, is in the best position to judge who contributed most and, as I said in my original letter, a serious politician knows when to step aside and give credit where due.

Community success in any campaign is always a combined effort, with the expertise of all its members required to achieve their aims.

Solo efforts by anyone not part of the group can detract from, not add to, the impact.

Ms Sandys seems to believe she can operate solo and completely ignore the efforts of the existing campaigners.

This is grossly unfair to those who, using limited funds, managed to get their local community involved as well as their local councillors and MP.

Jenny Matterface
Broadstairs

ID cards scheme is just a waste of cash

This country is now in one of the worst depressions for many years.

Many people throughout Thanet are losing their jobs, some are losing their homes, and businesses and shops are going bankrupt, yet this Government is still willing to proceed with the introduction of the identity card, which will cost some £6 billion-£19 billion.

As a pensioner I was concerned about the cost to OAPs.

I raised this problem with the MP Chris Huhne, who queried this in a Parliamentary question to Home Secretary Jacqui Smith.

She replied: "The Identity Cards Act secondary legislation consultation paper, published on November 21, 2008, made clear

that it is intended the initial fee for an identity card issued in 2009 and 2010 should be a standard fee of £30.

In due course the Government intends to seek views on the price of identity cards or passports as part of the longer-term roll-out of the National Identity Scheme."

Mr Huhne commented in his letter: "Essentially this means the Government have no plans to offer a discount to pensioners."

Liberal Democrats, unlike the Conservatives, have always opposed the introduction of identity cards for British citizens and for foreign citizens.

We should scrap the whole scheme and spend the money on our police force – we could put at least an extra 10,000 officers on the streets of our country for this money.

This insidious, unwanted and unneeded Act must be repealed.

Bill Furness
Birchington Liberal Democrats

Who can answer riddle of the Sands?

Does anyone know when the delayed building work to the Royal Sands development in Ramsgate is due to start?

The Royal Sands launch weekend took place on August 2-3 last year, when we were told the building work for Phase 1 was due to commence at the beginning of September.

The cliff stabilisation works

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delayed this, although this is nearing completion.

However, it now appears drainage works in Harbour Parade have to be undertaken and building work cannot start until these too are completed.

To add to the mix, yet more plans have appeared on the UKPlanning website, including one showing two-way, rather than one-way, traffic behind the development.

This is in spite of the fact that planning approval was given on submitted plans on January 28, 2004.

There are also additional plans added since that date.

This appears to be rather unusual for a development that has applied for, and already received, planning permission.

John Downs
by email

Time to clamp down on the law-breakers

I would like to comment on two pieces in last week's Yourthanet.

Firstly, the article headlined 'Bike police to tackle parking on school run'. I was glad to hear the police were tackling the crime of illegal parking around schools. I wish they would increase the fine from £60 to £600.

Why do so many parents put not only their own children's lives at risk, but others' as well?

The danger around Newlands School in Ramsgate twice a day is horrendous – I am surprised no

child has been killed.

Why is it so difficult to walk the children to school and home again? Very few children live too far away from their school to do this.

I feel all primary and junior schools should have railings round the school pavements, leaving only one access each end.

Bromstone School in Broadstairs has this, but still the cars park on the grass verges and tear all the grass and make ruts in the ground.

What happened to the law of parking on the pavements? This situation has become completely out of control.

Double-parking also used to be against the law – also parking the wrong way to the traffic seems to be another law swept under the carpet.

Please don't tell me they can not afford to employ people to do this job as the fines would well and truly cover the cost and with the danger for our children we can not afford not to do it.

As for the letter headlined 'Dog wardens could clean up this isle', basically many people who own dogs should not be allowed to do so.

There are not enough dog wardens to cover Thanet. I believe there are still only two.

It is not the duty of the dog warden or the duty of the taxpayers to have to clean up this mess.

These inconsiderate people are becoming too many; it is the same as the ones who drop litter expecting others to clean up after them.

I walked a space of only 150 yards down West Dumpton Lane last

week and encountered 57 large amounts of dog mess.

This is completely unacceptable. Extra-large fines should be given to both types of offenders – litter and dog mess has become the scourge of our country.

Hurt them in the place it hurts most – in their pockets!

Carole Russell
Ramsgate

Back Gerry's plan for town council

At the risk of putting words in the mouth of Gerry O'Donnell, I think there is a bit of mountains and molehills going on with critics of Ramsgate First.

Gerry's website (www.parish-council.com/ramsgate/index.asp?pageid=97489) details that it's a local party. It was formed to – successfully – create Ramsgate Town Council. This is the first reform in Thanet since Thanet council was created in 1974 (and subsequently repeatedly failed).

In effect RTC will make Thanet council redundant and ripe for abolition by stripping its powers and budget with direct funding from the county council. I support this policy.

The policies for the town council are detailed and sensible and I fully support them. I hope Ramsgate's citizens do, too. Few support Thanet council.

Tim Carbutt (Independent Green)
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Lemar's reason to return



It's been four years since soulful singer Lemar has been to Kent, but he's back to promote his latest album *The Reason*

WITH platinum record sales and a number of awards under his belt, Lemar is returning to Margate.

It has been four years since the pop-soul artist performed at the Winter Gardens and fans will not be disappointed with his progress. The show will include his best-loved hits and material from his latest album, *The Reason*, released last November.

Lemar first came to the general public's attention back in 2002, when he appeared on the BBC's

reality show *Fame Academy*. Although he finished the series in third place, his success has far surpassed that of the winner David Sneddon and fellow runner-up Sinead Quinn. His achievements include two MOBO awards, two BRIT awards and record sales of two million but, despite appearances, his success was far from an overnight phenomenon.

When he saw the advert for *Fame Academy*, Lemar, 30, was on the brink of giving up on a music career to become a computer programmer. After spending eight long years on the circuit and trying to break into the

industry, he began to think that his dream would never come true.

But all those years of honing his craft proved to be invaluable, as he wowed viewers and judges week after week with his soulful voice and charismatic stage presence. His performances on television translated into big record sales, impressing the critics as well as the fans.

Lemar appeared in the first of just two series of *Fame Academy*, the second of which was won by Alex Parks. The celebrity version *Comic Relief Does Fame Academy* proved to be more popular, appearing in the 2003, 2005 and 2007 events. Of all the contestants on the 'civilian' versions, Lemar has enjoyed the most commercial success.

The latest album sees a change in direction for Lemar as he reaches a more thoughtful period in his life. Last year he became a father for the first time and his baby daughter Nyiema inspired the album's title track, *The Reason*.

A prolific songwriter, Lemar had about 80 tracks to choose from when he put the album together. One of the songs, *Mayday*, is a ballad about love that is expressed through the metaphor of a doomed fighter pilot. This scenario also gave him the chance to comment on current affairs and specifically the war in Iraq.

The show starts at 7pm and tickets cost £25. To book call the box office on 01843 292795/296111 or visit www.margatewintergardens.co.uk.

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Sherburn's parents were close friends of the Watsons and the Carthys, which meant he grew up surrounded by folk music and was encouraged to try first the accordion, then the concertina.



Having been born in a remote Limerick village, Bartley felt a strong connection to traditional Irish music and developed a distinctive vocal style and powerful open-tuned rhythm guitar. He explored the mandolin and banjo before returning to singing with guitar accompaniment.

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Annual Oxjam extravaganza is sounding good for charity

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

A HOST of bands, buskers, DJs and divas will take to the stage across Kent this month to take part in the annual Oxjam fund-raiser.

The annual Oxfam free-for-all will see dozens of events take place throughout March, with all proceeds going to the international charity.

The next Kent Oxjam night takes place in Ramsgate tomorrow, with Beba and Emma aka Gembah performing at the Enoteca Bar.

Next week ten bands will play at the Tap 'n' Tin, Chatham, during the Medway Oxjam event.

Highlights across the two stages include Zombie Met Girl, The Ambience, The Vandebilts, The Pretty Jacks and Brigadier Ambrose.

Oxfam Medway organiser Moira Mehaffey said: "We are delighted the Tap 'n' Tin is hosting another night in aid of Oxfam and that ten amazing local acts are prepared to devote their time and play for free in order to support the charity. Our last event at the Tap in October, 2007, raised more than £1,700.

"The event on Thursday, March 26 is our biggest yet in 2009 and features a variety of electric and acoustic acts with something to appeal to every taste.

"For more information on this event or any of Oxfam Medway's activities, people can visit www.myspace.com/oxjammedway or email on oxjammedway@yahoo.co.uk.

"We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all the artists, promoters and audience members who have made Oxjam such a success in Medway and hope that they will continue to get involved in supporting our work."



FUND-RAISING THE ROOF: Zombie Met Girl (left) and Brigadier Ambrose (right) will be performing at the Tap'nTin

OXJAM EVENTS

Thursday, March 19 - Enoteca Bar, Ramsgate
Beba, Emma AKA Gembah!

Thursday 26 - Tap'n Tin, Chatham
Zombie Met Girl, The Ambience, The Vandebilts,
The Pretty Jacks, The Gizmo, The Startover, Brigadier
Ambrose, Ben Jones, James Jefferys, Bob Collins

Every Oxjam event is organised by ordinary, music-loving fans and range from large-scale festivals to local sponsored busks.

Since the launch of Oxjam in 2006, more than 36,000 musicians have taken part in almost 3,000 Oxjam events nationwide.

The festival has raised more than £1 million for the charity since it was created. Celebrities who have supported Oxjam include Jarvis Cocker, Fatboy Slim, Hot Chip, The Kooks, Klaxons, Editors, Kasabian and Jamelia.

Other celeb backers include Kaiser Chiefs' frontman Ricky Wilson, who said: "We're proud to be Oxjam supporters. It's Oxfam's way of raising vital funds for its overseas work.

"Oxfam's about music fans picking up their instruments to help fight poverty, by getting involved on any level you're helping a very worthwhile cause."

Tom Smith, singer with long-term Oxfam supporters Editors, said: "What better way is there for music fans to help fight worldwide poverty than Oxjam? It's fantastic for us to be involved, raising money at the shows and letting our fans know what can be done.

"Whether it's busking, playing in an orchestra or performing at a local gig, every note played can help change people's lives."

To view the line-up for March and find out how to get involved with Oxjam around the UK, visit www.oxfam.org.uk/oxjam or call 0870 905 9060.

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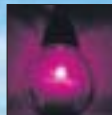
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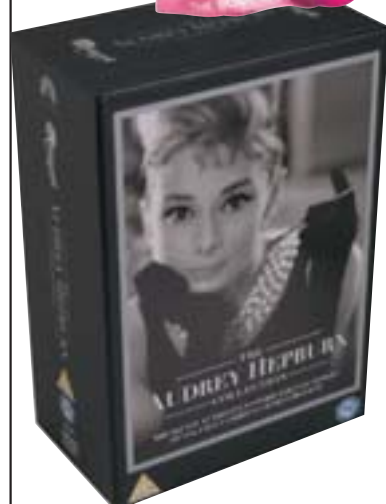
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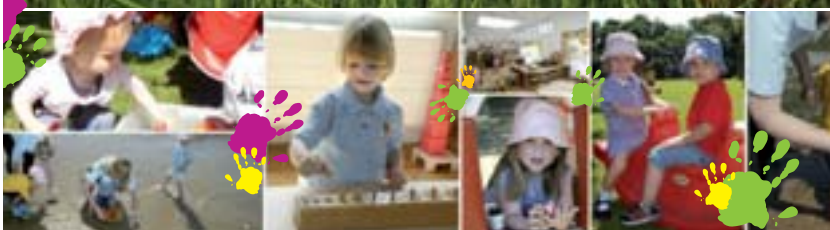
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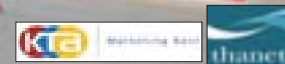
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Emily's blunt request to become Queen of England

BY SHEREEN LOW

EMILY Blunt had no time for playing princesses when she was a little girl, but she was prepared to do anything to portray Queen Victoria in her latest film.

"I just thought she was such a remarkable girl and wanted to play her very much," the 26-year-old actress admits.

"It is rare that I make a plea for a part and I did really want this one, it's probably the only part I've ever really gone down on my hands and knees for."

Emily, who shot to fame in *The Devil Wears Prada*, relished the chance to portray the longest reigning monarch in British history in *The Young Victoria*.

"I had a perception of her. I had the opinion that she was old, in mourning, sour-faced and repressed, and when I started to read about her, I fell in love with her. And then when I started to see this very intimate side of Victoria, and this intimate portrait of her through the books that I read and Julian's (Fellowes) script, I think I could then see she was the polar opposite to what I had imagined her to be like, and I saw her as this young girl who was feisty, rebellious and passionate," she continues.

While she was keen to play the famous queen, London-born Emily admits that she wasn't always so fond of royalty.

"Definitely not. I was never the girl who dreamt of being a princess, and I've never dreamt about my wedding day," she says.

"I hated pink and I hated fairies. I remember throwing a tantrum if my mum tried to dress me in pink. I wasn't particularly a girly girl. I only liked hanging out with boys, which is worrying, isn't it?"



ROYAL ASSENT: Emily Blunt stars in *The Young Victoria*

Even so, Emily says she felt a real connection with her character.

"I identify with her hugely. We all know what it is like to be a teenager, to stubbornly think we know it all and to actually be in a job which is way over your head, not to mention being deeply in love for the first time. She had such zest for life at a young age and would talk with such passion about the people she loved, opera, even food."

Filming took place in some of the country's most historic locations, including Blenheim Palace, Hampton Court Palace and Belvoir

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Castle, to remain as authentic as possible.

The movie has some royal standing – it was co-produced by Sarah, Duchess of York, and her eldest daughter Princess Beatrice has a cameo as a lady-in-waiting.

"She was very friendly and carried my train, which was very nice and ironic. She's very good-natured, patient and a very nice girl. People think that she is in the film a lot because I get asked that all the time, but she's only in one scene," Emily says.

Playing a Queen of England has won awards for Dame Judi Dench, Cate Blanchett and Dame Helen Mirren, but Emily refuses to be drawn into the debate.

"To follow in their footsteps is very tricky, because they're all people I admire," she says.

THE YOUNG VICTORIA Certificate PG

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Second outing for our leisure show



TASTER: Kent tourism and leisure representatives will once again be on hand to offer travel tips at the Dover show

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

GREAT ideas for day trips, week-end breaks and holidays abroad will be available at KOS Media's second annual Travel and Leisure Show.

Last year's event was a huge success, with more than 4,000 visitors cramming into the Dover Cruise Terminal to find out more about the attractions available on their doorstep as well as the deals offered by ferry operators crossing the Channel.

It is said that an estimated 35 per cent of UK residents are not expected to holiday abroad in 2009, but this year's show on Sunday, March 29 at the terminal is set to

KOS Media holiday extravaganza set for return to port

be even bigger and there will be plenty to discover about Kent's own attractions.

KOS Media's marketing director Richard Purvis said the event gave firms in the travel, tourism and leisure industry the chance to show what they have to offer.

He added: "This is an opportunity for people to go along and chat to more than 100 different companies and learn about various things to do with the county's historic castles, zoos, public gardens, hotels and the like.

"A lot of people last year said they didn't know half the attractions existed, so we'll also be showcasing lots of these 'hidden gems' – places that do not have big budgets but are fantastic to visit nonetheless.

"Kent is also blessed with ferry operators crossing the Channel and the show will give visitors a great opportunity to see what is available, from day trips to short breaks in Europe."

There will also be representatives from French attractions and tourist offices attending as well.

The Travel and Leisure Show has received official accreditation from the organisers of British Tourism Week, which runs from March 23 to 29 and aims to raise awareness of the importance of Britain's visitor economy.

Dover and Deal Labour MP Gwyn Prosser has also voiced his support for the initiative and will be in attendance.

Destinations

Some will want to take the opportunity of some exceptional cruise deals available this year, and all of the major cruise lines will be attending the show giving visitors the opportunity to find the right cruise at the right price, to destinations across the world.

As well as the large number of companies exhibiting at the event, there will also be a competition to win a two-week cruise courtesy of Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines as well as 25 other great prizes.

Younger children will be able to visit a face-painter while their older siblings can experience the thrill of the TechZone, which will have a range of video game systems available to enjoy.

Hot and cold food and drinks will also be available at the show, which will run from 10am until 4pm.

Event manager Liz Hare said: "There's a really good mix of things to see and do, and it really is a great day out for the family.

"Kent has a lot to offer in terms of its visitor attractions, and the Travel and Leisure Show will be the only chance this year people will get to see them all under one roof."



SUCCESS: Last year's KOS Media Travel and Leisure Show attracted thousands of visitors

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PROPERTY NEWS

Prices are still dropping but interest on the up

HOUSE prices dropped by 1.3 per cent in February, bringing them to their lowest level since March 2005, according to property analysts Chesterton Humberts' House Price Poll of Polls.

The average house price is now £165,727, down from 16.1 per cent year on year from February 2008 and falling £32,185 from its peak in January 2008.

Flats and terraces fared worst in the poll, with year-on-year declines of 17.6 per cent and 16.9 per cent. House prices fell in all regions of the UK in February 2009, with the exception of Scotland, where prices were flat.

Robert Bartlett, chief executive of Chesterton Humberts, said: "While the decline appears to be slowing, the continuing drop in house prices highlights the need for the Government to do more to assist recovery in the property sector."

"The welcome news Northern Rock will be increasing mortgage lending needs to be followed up with a range of fiscal measures, including tax cuts and incentives for first-time buyers, similar to that implemented in the United States."

"We are seeing strong demand for property, but this will not translate into sales until lending and tax issues are resolved."

Increased supply cuts average rent values

EXCESS supply and falling rents is a "pattern replicated over most of the UK", according to FindaProperty rental index.

Average rents for February of this year were £830 per calendar month, down £10 from January and £42 pcm compared with February 2008.

FindaProperty said a surge in supply had pushed asking prices down by 1.2 per cent in February and by 4.8 per cent over the year.

However, the rental index also discovered how increased tenant activity had reduced the average time a property was on the market by one day to 70 days over the month.

But time on the market remains up 15 days year-on-year.

Housing groups call for huge surge in building

■ BY NICK AMES

THE Government has been urged by housing groups to build its way out of recession by investing billions of pounds into putting up 100,000 new affordable homes over the next two years.

With British construction and manufacturing hit hard by the financial downturn, the newly-formed 2020 Group says building more homes will give a boost to the economy, save thousands of construction jobs, avoid serious skills shortages and help stimulate long-term market stability.

The 2020 Group, chaired by Kate Barker, the Prime Minister's influential former housing adviser, says significant extra financial investment is needed to keep supply going, supporting private building and creating 100,000 new social homes over the next two years.

Along with Ms Barker, the group consists of the National Housing Federation housing charity Shelter, the Local Government Association (LGA) and the TUC.

Despite Government pledges to build thousands of new homes, the credit crunch has meant a collapse in house prices and lending, a severe drop in house-building and an estimated 450,000 job losses in the construction industry between 2008 and 2010.

Federation chief executive David Orr said: "The group's proposed house-building programme could kick-start the economy, save jobs and deliver new homes for more than 200,000 people."

"This is a one-off chance for the Government to stimulate the economy and help meet housing need in one fell swoop."

Mr Orr added: "Without radical action many people in construction will lose their jobs and up to five million people could find themselves on housing waiting lists by the end of 2010."

"This is the Government's chance to help us



SO MANY HOUSES: But some groups are calling for many more – 100,000 'social' units over the next two years

to make sure neither of these things happens."

Figures for 2007 show 6,660 households in the South East were accepted as homeless, with 6,760 living in temporary accommodation. Last week the Ministry of Justice published its mortgage and landlord possession statistics, showing repossession orders rose by 10 per cent in the South East during the last three months of 2008 compared with figures for the same time in 2007.

Unsustainable

The 2020 group says a major house-building programme would help put the industry and the economy back on its feet, provide homes for some of the half-million households who are living in bad housing, help forestall a return to unsustainable house price inflation

and provide a lifeline to the 1.77 million households on council housing waiting lists.

The 2020 Group's call comes as PM Gordon Brown and Chancellor Alastair Darling work towards announcing a major financial stimulus package in April's budget. The group wants major investment in house-building included in the Government's figures as a certain way of supporting the economy.

Ms Barker said: "Support for housing today offers excellent value in terms of sustaining economic activity and reduces the risk of a very severe loss of capacity in the housing and related industries. "There is real concern that the present fall in home-building is sowing the seeds of the next boom."

She added: "Social housing waiting lists are rising. This package meets an urgent need."

Developer announces pre-tax losses

A MASSIVE drop in sales and a write-down in the value of assets because of the property market fall-off led to a £78.7 million pre-tax loss for Kent company Bovis Homes last year.

That compared with a £123.6 million profit in 2007. But the housebuilder, which has its head office at New Ash Green, said it was hopeful that activity would begin to improve as lower house prices and interest rates fed through into the market.

However, it warned that trying to work out the timing of the improvement was not good and that it was digging in for a continuation of current market conditions.

It has renewed bank loans – a positive sign about its stability – and started 2009 with a large number of finished stock homes which it aims to sell at a good margin.

The company has secured 772 reservations for legal completion in 2009, compared with

■ BY NICK AMES

1,262 at the same point in 2008.

Despite this 39 per cent fall, Bovis said the 330 reservations from private buyers in the first nine weeks of the year represented a 22 per cent improvement on the same point a year earlier.

During 2008 Bovis cut its workforce by 60 per cent from 1,039 to 441 following a recruitment freeze and two rounds of job cuts.

It cut its building programme from 3,500 units to 1,782, while only 173 plots were added to the land bank during 2008.

The average selling price of legal completions fell from £179,500 to £150,800, which Bovis said reflected the weaker market and a shift towards social housing.



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Margate



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- Courtyard Rear Garden
- Requires Refurbishment

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- 3 Bedrooms, Near Beach
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- Tandem Garage & Driveway
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Margate



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- 3 Bedroom Maisonette above
- Near Beach & Train Station

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- En-Suite Facilities
- Backing onto Farmland

£350,000

Ramsgate



- 2 Beds, Mid Terrace House
- Modern interior, DG
- 2 Receptions, Near town centre

£125,000

Ramsgate



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- Modern interior, DG
- Near town centre, Bargain

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Ramsgate



- 3 Beds, 2 Receptions, Semi detached
- Needs Refurbishment
- Near town, Vale Square adjacent

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Ramsgate



- 2 Bedroom Bungalow, Drive
- New Kitchen & Electrics
- New Plumbing, Needs Finishing

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Ramsgate



- 3 Bedroom, 2 Receptions
- Period Property, Fitted Kitchen
- New Bathroom, Elec & Plumbing

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- Large Garden, Fitted Kitchen
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- En-suite, 2-3 Bedrooms
- Decked Balcony

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Birchington

- 3 bed detached house
 - Extended accommodation
 - Approx 100metres from cliff top
-OIEO £200,000



Cliftonville

- Excellent condition
 - 3/4 Bedrooms
 - No chain
-£200,000



Manston

- 3 Beds, Good size lounge/diner
 - Rural location with views over fields
 - Offering vacant possession
-£199,950



Cliftonville

- 5 Bedrooms
 - 2 Bathrooms
 - 3 Reception rooms
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Minnis Bay

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 - 3 beds. Family bathroom plus shower room.
 - Lounge on the 1st floor. Garage and parking
-£185,000



Margate

- Recently built town house
 - Four bedrooms
 - En-suite bathroom
-OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £165,000



Birchington

- Semi rural location with outstanding views
 - Extended 3 bed semi
 - OSP & approx 60ft garden
-OIEO £175,000



Ramsgate

- 21' kitchen/breakfast room
 - 4 bedrooms, 2 receptions
 - Lovely period features
-£165,000



St Peters

- Three bedrooms
 - Two reception rooms
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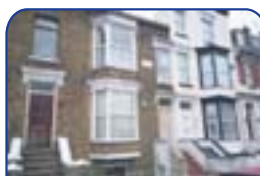
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- Corner Plot



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- Lounge And Dining Room
- Kitchen And Bathroom
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- 40ft Rear Garden, Deceptively Large



Garlinge £134,995

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Zafira is going greener with ecoFlex version

VAUXHALL has created its first ecoFLEX version of the UK market's best-selling midi-MPV, the seven-seat Zafira.

The greener Zafira uses a new ultra-clean 1.7-litre diesel emitting just 139g/km of CO₂, qualifying for £120/year road tax and dropping four levels to 18 per cent for company car drivers' benefit in kind tax – the lowest for any UK seven-seater.

The ecoFLEX also averages around 53mpg and is available in all five Zafira trim levels, starting from £17,310.



Insight ready to shake a few hybrid feathers

HONDA'S holy grail is hydrogen technology, but the Japanese brand also wants to stay in the hybrid race.

Its new Insight hatchback hybrid, due in April and priced from £15,490, will pressurise Toyota's hybrid market-leading Prius and even eco-diesel versions of mainstream conventional cars like the Ford Focus, Vauxhall Astra and VW Golf.

Honda says the Insight can match diesel economy at petrol prices. Company car 'user choosers' can also prune ten per cent from 'benefit in kind' tax.



Mazda mad March '09 new registration offers

ZOOM Zoom brand Mazda will raise prices by two per cent in April for its sporty Mazda5 and 6 family models.

The Japanese marque blames rising raw material costs and volatile exchange rates for the hike, but has flagged that buyers could save from £289-429, depending on model, by buying their new '09 Mazda5 or 6 before March 31.

Dealers are also offering keen Mazda hire purchase deals until the end of March, while every Mazda6 qualifies for three years' free servicing.



BARGAIN BUY: Chevrolet's Aveo carries much over from the Daewoo Kalos design it has replaced, but it also offers distinctive style and Chevy's strength as a value brand

Aveo's space and design is yours for low 'Chevy levy'

CHEVROLET launched a new supermini and a new name last year – or did it?

The new Aveo has Chevy's new corporate two-part grille with a crossbar wearing the US brand's gold 'bowtie' badge.

View from side on though and it is clear that much has been carried over from the Daewoo Kalos design the Aveo has replaced.

Fortunately, the interior looks far better than the old Kalos, with improved materials, comfortable seats and a well-arranged dash though there is still scratch-prone 'silver' plastic – already showing wear and tear on our flagship LT-spec test car and likely to become shabby after 10-20,000 miles.

On the other hand, the Aveo benefits from the roomy cabin and decent boot carried over from the Kalos – a lot of space for the money when the three-door entry version starts at just £7,695.

Less welcome are the 1.2 and 1.4-litre engine options borrowed from the old generation Vauxhall Corsa – good for power, but lacking refinement. Neither is particularly frugal or qualifies for the two lowest payable road tax bands either. A vague gearshift and

ROAD TEST CHEVROLET AVEO

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

cornering ability detract from driving pleasure too; you never feel the Aveo will lose itself, but more certainty would be good.

Not surprisingly, this sloppy feel benefits the car's ride quality; it can still be crashy on a poorly maintained country road, but everyday comfort is better than average.

Motorway refinement is also not bad, but engine and wind noise intrude.

Our flagship 1.4-litre LT five-door looks expensive at £9,545, but you should expect a discount and it comes with alloys, front fogs, a rear spoiler, leather trimmed steering wheel with audio controls and even a folding table on the back of the front passenger seat.

On the other hand, more 'basic' versions exemplify Chevy's long-running strength as General Motors' value brand and why it has made such gains in market share – its UK slice grew by more than a quarter last year, and will surely grow as the nation tightens its belt over the next 12 months.

Keep your 'Chevy levy' low by opting for cheaper models then and you will buy a small hatchback that undercuts many bargain rivals yet offers distinctive styling and more interior space.



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STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
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Running costs	★★★★★
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Quality	★★★★★

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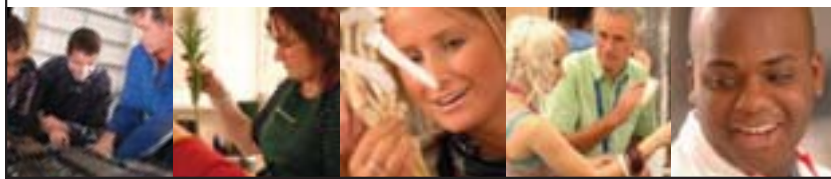
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TWO of the most common causes of accidents on premises where the public have access are slips and trips, so firms can save millions in compensation claims by taking a little care and attention.

That's the message to Kent companies from Ray Johnson of Folkestone-based Independent Insurance Services. He said: "A simple slip or trip can lead to a totally disproportionate claim. It's important that businesses minimise risks. This includes not only buildings but car parks, yards and walk ways."

He recommends making sure premises are well lit and in good condition, whether access surfaces get slippery, and to make sure there is nothing to trip over.

He added: "Employees need to be briefed as to the risks and trained to take immediate action if anything is dropped or hazards are left in open areas. Special care needs to be taken when doing work on the premises or employing subcontractors."

"Work must be carefully planned and it is crucial to select a competent contractor and ensure that if you are using your own employees that they have the right skills. And ensure contractors have adequate insurance."

"There was a recent case when a member of the public slipped on a flower petal in front of a railway station stall."

"Damages were eventually awarded at £1.5 million. Slips and trips can be very expensive and most can be avoided with care and attention."

Thousands see the gain

LAST year 6,374 employees across Kent and Medway gained qualifications through Train to Gain, a training programme run by the Learning and Skills Council, according to latest figures.

More than 10,000 have signed up for this year, an increase of more than 30 per cent. The LSC says that despite the credit crunch employers in the county are still seeing the benefits. The LSC works with Kent Partnership, Kent Economic Board and a sub-groups such as the Employment and Skills Board to help identify local learning and skills needs.

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Julie Maddocks asks: is small really beautiful in business? Search 'crunch'

Is more-than-profit your route to Eden?



GOOD ADVICE: Jennifer Bentley, Business Link's customer services manager

WANNABE entrepreneurs are being urged to think about going for what are called social enterprises instead of the usual business model of just go-for-profit.

■ BY TONY PATEY

They obviously do make profits, but they also have social and environmental targets. Think the Eden Project in Cornwall, the Big Issue magazine group and Jamie Oliver's north London restaurant Fifteen.

Business people often talk about the "bottom line", meaning profits, but with social enterprises they talk of the "triple bottom line" – trading in goods or services for social and environmental aims as well.

Some commentators say they are not-for-profit firms, lumping them in with outfits such as straight charities in the third sector or social economy.

But, more accurately, they are "more-than-profit" firms – the more businesslike end of the third sector.

Motivated

So, that's what they are, but are they worth going for? If you can come up with another Eden Project, you bet, but there are many successful ones with lower profiles.

Kent people wanting to check out the idea can go along to a free workshop on social enterprises being run by Business Link, the Government-funded business advice and support service.

It's at 2pm at the Marriott Tudor Park Hotel and Country Club, Maidstone, on Monday, April 6.

Jennifer Bentley, customer services manager at Business Link, said: "Many people are motivated to set up an organisation which will benefit the community or an issue which they feel passionately about."

"We offer specific support and workshops to give new social enterprises the best chance of survival. The workshops are suitable for business owners with little previous knowledge or experience of social enterprise to find out whether this is a viable model for their venture."

Apparently, about seven per cent of small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the South East are defined as social enterprises.

According to Business Link research, a key barrier for them is a lack of general awareness and understanding of what they are. A survey of 1,200 owners and managers revealed that 77 per cent had either not heard of the term or had no idea what it meant.

Business Link has designed the workshops to help delegates consider the issues identified in the research, such as how to find and attract finance and choose the best legal status. Workshop participants will leave with a list of next steps.

Social enterprises can be set up as one of a number of legal entities, for example, as a community interest company (CIC), industrial and provident society (IPS), or companies limited by guarantee and shares.

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IN CONTROL: Cliftonville had scored five by half-time

Rampant Ville guaranteed a top-four place

HOCKEY

Cliftonville 9 Holcombe Hasbeen 3

CLIFTONVILLE produced a perfect tonic after last week's disappointing defeat to Ashford in what was a dominant performance.

Ville were always going to be favourites for this game when the opposition turned up with ten men and no umpire, meaning Ville had a two-man advantage at the start.

Ville took advantage of this and went into a quick lead. However, Holcombe hit back within 30 seconds when Ville failed to deal with an aerial pass.

The Thanet side responded well, regaining the lead and produced some outstanding hockey making them really good value for

added a seventh from the restart. Another short corner produced another Holcombe goal, but two further strikes from Ville sealed a comprehensive win.

Tempers flared with five minutes to go with a Holcombe player hitting Alex Cowell in the leg after not being given a decision, then rowing with a couple of Ville players, and was lucky to remain on the field.

Potter said: "That was as good a performance as we have had all season, but is a week too late. It is certainly pleasing though to have sealed a top-four finish with three games to go."

Mixed fortunes for isle's reserve sides

MARGATE reserves remain seventh in Kent League Division One after earning a point at Homelands against fourth-placed Ashford Town.

The Blues drew 0-0 at Ashford.

The Gate return to action on Saturday and it's a big one for the club's second string as they take on Tonbridge Angels at Hartsdown Park in the Kent Intermediate Cup semi-final.

Ramsgate reserves went down 1-0 at Greenwich Borough at the weekend as they too remain seventh in Kent League Division Two.

The Rams travel to Holmesdale on Saturday hoping to inflict the first defeat on the league leaders.

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Kent coach Simon Willis reveals club's interest in Aussie seamer Stuart Clark

Cobham put an end to winning streak

THANET Wanderers' three-game winning run came to an end in a thrilling game at Cobham on Saturday.

Wanderers went into the game off the back of wins over Maidstone, Gravesend and Beckenham and took the game to the Surrey side.

The second-placed side proved too strong, however, as they closed out a 50-32 win to remain within two points of leaders Basingstoke.

Wanderers return to London 2 South league action on Saturday, March 28, when they travel to Chobham.

A win for Thanet could see them move up to ninth if results go their way.

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OFF TARGET: Ramsgate's Steffan Ball (centre) came close to opening the scoring against Hendon on Saturday with a spectacular overhead kick which was well saved

Rams stare into relegation abyss after costly defeat

FOOTBALL

■ BY KEVIN BARHAM

Hendon 3

Garner 43, Collins 65, Busby 90

Ramsgate 1

Davis 68

RAMSGATE fell back into the Ryman Premier's drop-zone after a defeat away to relegation rivals Hendon at the weekend.

In a scrappy first half, it was Andy Hadden who had the first shot on ten minutes from 35 yards out, but he saw his shot fly over the bar.

In response, Hendon's Peter Dean was on target with two shots, but they were dealt with by Ramsgate goalkeeper Jamie Turner.

Ramsgate's best chance fell to Steffan Ball, but he saw his overhead kick saved well by Will Viner as it was heading towards the top right-hand corner.

The opening goal came in the 43rd minute when Hendon's Jamie Busby gained control in midfield and found Glenn Garner, who slotted home from 12 yards.

Hendon started the second half brightly and almost doubled their lead on the hour when Busby's shot was saved by Turner.

However, five minutes later, Hendon did score again. After what seemed like a late challenge on Danny Walder, James Bent picked up the ball and his cross was flicked in by Sam Collins.

Comeback

Three minutes on and the Rams pulled themselves back into the game as a Warren Schulz free-kick floated to the far post and Nick Davis was on hand to head into the net.

Hendon crushed any dreams of a Ramsgate

Ramsgate starting XI



Subs used: Graham (Tanner, 87), Walder (Pettit, 55)

comeback as the game moved into stoppage time when they were awarded penalty after Busby was fouled in the area by Will Graham.

Busby dusted himself down and took the penalty himself to send Turner the wrong way. • The Rams are awaiting news on their appeal after being deducted four points for fielding three short-term loan players earlier in the season. Visit www.yourthanet.co.uk for the latest.

Savage response leaves the Blues in dire straits

FOOTBALL

BY YOURTHANET REPORTER

Margate 0



Horsham 1

Savage 8



FORMER Margate striker Reggie Savage came back to haunt his old side as the Blues lost their first game at Hartsdown since January.

Boss Terry Yorath kept faith with the same side that started last weekend's fixture against Dartford, but it was a striker he let go to Horsham earlier in the season that cost Margate at the weekend.

After an even opening, the visitors took the lead with the first serious attack of the game.

On eight minutes Mark Knee found some space on the left and sent a good curling cross into the Margate penalty area from where Savage came away from his marker to head home beyond Pat Mullin into the right corner.

Margate came close to a response just three minutes later.

The Blues won a free-kick 25 yards out which Ryan Peters took, but his effort was tipped round the post by Lee Tolfrey.

Two minutes after that, Aaron Lacy's long



Picture: DAVE STEWART

Margate starting XI



Subs used: Bailey (Gregory, 59), Haverson (Pratt, 75)

minutes when Danny Stubbs found Peters, but the striker's angled shot came back off the post, but unfortunately for Margate, Pratt was unable to turn in the rebound.

Blues opened the second half on top, enjoying the majority of possession.

On 53 minutes, Dan Young got his head to a cross into the Horsham box that fell to Liam Harwood, but he dragged his shot wide of Tolfrey's left stick.

The game became very disjointed as both sides conceded free-kicks, particularly the visitors as the home side tried to pressurise Horsham's defensive third.

With 15 minutes left, Yorath sent Harwood up front in a bid to get something out of the game and the on-loan Bristol Rovers player almost earned a share of the spoils, but Tolfrey made two late saves to ensure Horsham went away with the three points.

With Harlow, Harrow, Hastings and Hendon all winning, Blues drop to second bottom in the Ryman Premier.

A CLOSE CALL: Margate striker Ryan Peters was unlucky not to score against Horsham with a well-struck free-kick

throw caused havoc in the Horsham box before Kenny Pratt latched onto the ball, but he fired his shot against the post with Peters unable to turn in the rebound.

The Blues hit the woodwork again on 32

LEAGUE TABLE

RYMAN PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pt
1 Dover Athletic	35	28	4	3	+45	88
2 Staines Town	33	22	7	4	+34	73
3 Tonbridge Angels	33	17	8	8	+24	59
4 Sutton United	33	15	9	9	+8	54
5 Carshalton Athletic	33	14	9	10	-2	51
6 Dartford	33	14	7	12	+6	49
7 AFC Hornchurch	32	14	6	12	+2	48
8 Canvey Island	34	13	7	14	+4	46
9 Horsham	31	14	4	13	-2	46
10 Wealdstone	33	13	6	14	+9	45
11 Maidstone United	33	12	9	12	-1	45
12 Billericay Town	32	12	7	13	-12	43
13 Tooting & Mitcham	34	12	6	16	-8	42
14 Boreham Wood	35	11	8	16	-12	41
15 Ashford Town (Mx)	30	13	1	16	-5	40
16 Harrow Borough	31	10	9	12	-16	39
17 Harlow Town	32	11	4	17	-8	37
18 Hastings United	33	11	4	18	-12	37
19 Hendon	32	10	5	17	+1	35
20 Ramsgate	35	8	11	16	-17	35
21 Margate	34	9	6	19	-17	33
22 Heybridge Swifts	33	6	9	18	-21	27

FIXTURES

Saturday, March 21

Ryman Premier Division: Ramsgate v Hastings,

Maidstone United v Margate



FIGHTING FIT: Jakub and his sister Katarzyna both came home with gold medals from the international event

Brother and sister take top honours at British Masters

THE Ramsgate Olympic Taekwondo team are celebrating another fine haul of medals from a recent competition.

At the British Masters International Taekwondo tournament the club came home with a gold and two silvers.

Jakub Grela, 11, won the gold in the 55kg category beating a Nepalese fighter in the final after a close and exciting fight.

His sister, Katarzyna Grela, 13, the club's most experienced fighter, won a silver in the 59kg class, fighting against opponents who were as much as four years older than her.

Marcin Chlebny, 12, picked up a silver in the 58kg class in which he was competing against older boys.

Club coach and president Leszek Grela

TAEKWONDO

said: "Those medals proves that we are heading in a good direction, since taekwondo became an Olympic sport the level of competition has risen as many talented fighters from different martial arts have switched codes.

"It's great for the sport and any medal is a real triumph for us."

He added: "We are still looking for young talented sportsmen, so if you want to be a part of our club, call me on 0777 8567 355 or visit our club in Saturdays at 2pm for children and 3pm for teenagers and adults."

The club website is at tkdthanet.tk/.

SUNDAY LEAGUE



Picture: IAN KIRKPOT

EYES DOWN: Little Albion (yellow) won on Saturday

Athletic turn on the style with goal fest

ALBION Athletic moved to within four points of Thanet Sunday League leaders Dolphins following a 15-0 hammering of Thanet Falcias at the weekend.

Gavin Schulz and Jordan Barnett each netted a hat-trick, and there was a brace for Jamie Wherle and further strikes from Danny Twyman, David Pitcher, Mitchell Hughes and Richard Spillet.

Dolphins remain top though after they secured a 3-0 win away to Active thanks to a brace from Zacharias Zacharia and an own goal.

Nick Treadwell scored both of Lloyd's goals in a 2-1 win against Fayreness Hotel, with William Grainger on target for the Hotel.

In Division One, FC De Ville took top spot courtesy of a 3-1 win at home to Cramptons. Goals from Anthony Hill, Darren Wheatley and Oliver Brown secured the three points, while Darren Cox scored for Cramptons.

Victorious

Generation Sports played out a nine-goal thriller with The Bell Inn, coming out on top 6-3. Kieron Lawley hit four for Saunders in a 5-2 win at Preston Helligs, while Westbrook drew 0-0 at home to FC Thanet United.

Port & Anchor took pole position of Division Two after Rob Hughes earned them a 1-0 win against mid-table Lesters. Port overtook Strokes who were held to a 1-1 draw by second from bottom side, Red Arrow Goldney.

Hotel De Ville are third after an 8-2 thrashing of strugglers Social Moenchengladbach, while Pfizer Athletic beat Prestige Insurance 1-0 and Don Ronaldo also won by the same score against Mulberry Tree.

In Division Three there were wins for Ash, Thanet Leisureforce and Huggin United, while in Division Four, The Rodney stay top after a 2-1 win at Camden FC.

Lesters, FC Ultras, Little Albion and Powell Arms were also victorious at the weekend.

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